

MINUTES

January 5, 2010
The Regular Meeting of the Satsuma City Council

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the regular public session at City Hall in said city at 7:00 p.m. the 5th of January 2010.

Councilmember Black gave the invocation.

Satsuma ROTC presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call the following answered present:

Mayor	William F. Stewart, III
Council Members	Billy Jackson
	Pamela O’Gwynn
	Pratt Monk
	Tom Williams
	Bill Black

Jay Minus, City Attorney; Vicki Miller, City Clerk; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; Tom Briand, Building Inspector and Chief David Benefield, Police Department were present. A quorum was present and Mayor Stewart opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

A pre-council meeting was held beginning at 6:00 P.M. prior to the regular meeting and Mayor Stewart discussed with Council agenda items coming before Council.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting on December 15, 2009 for approval. Councilmember Monk made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

1. Heather Enzor of 562 Whidden

Ms. Enzor came before Council to request a business license for a photography business at 562 Whidden. She stated that her business is mostly done on locations and not at her home. She was told to get a post office box and that the business has to remain incidental to the neighborhood.

With no further discussion, Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve issuance of a business license to Heather Enzor for a home based photography business at 562 Whidden. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Old Business:

1. Mayor Stewart announced that Mobile County has awarded the bid for the FY2004 Pay-As-You-Go project to John G. Walton. He stated that the amount for the roads in Satsuma is approximately \$663,976.26. He stated that Hilltop was not included in the 2004 plan and the city will have to reimburse the county the cost for paving this road.

Mayor Stewart stated several months ago, the city put a moratorium on Pawn/Title shops. He stated that the moratorium has expired while the city has been doing the research. He stated that he is recommending Council extend the moratorium for another 90 days.

With no further discussions, Councilmember Williams made a motion to extend the moratorium on pawn/title shops for 90 days. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation:

Councilmember Jackson stated that he had no business to discuss.

Administration and Finance:

Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Monk expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the families of Beatrice Hicks, Douglas Boone, Carla Maples, Davis Lucas, Bobby Jo Wood (Mayor's Uncle), Rayburn Miller, and Linda Merchants.

Councilmember Monk stated that he has received a request for discontinuance of garbage at 114 Dewitt Avenue due to the house being vacant. He then made a motion to approve the discontinuance. Councilmember Black seconded the motion and it carried

Public Safety:

Councilmember Williams reported that he received a letter of resignation from Charles (Chase) Moyer. Since a two week notice was given, he made a recommendation to accept the resignation in good standing. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams stated that due to the resignation being turned in over the holidays, a list from the personnel board was requested. However everyone on this list has already been interviewed. Councilmember Williams stated that since then there has been an addition of another candidate which is already certified. He asked that a second list be requested from the Personnel Board. Council approved.

Councilmember Williams reported that he received the monthly reports for December: Fire Department made 61 total calls; 6 fires and 55 rescues. The total reported fire calls for the year of 2009 was 676 which is an increase of 54 calls from the previous year. Police Department had 1897 assignments with 197 becoming cases.

Councilmember Williams stated that he has a request from Chief Benefield for the usage of Steele Creek Lodge for the Mobile County Chiefs of Police meeting to be held on March 3, 2010 and the fee be waived. Councilmember Williams stated that the rental fee can be waived; however, the new policy requires a \$100 cleaning fee which cannot be waived. With that, he made a motion to approve the request for the waiver of the rental fee for the meeting as long as the \$100 cleaning fee is paid. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams stated that he has a request from Chief Benefield to approve Officer Tim Byrd and Mike Smith to attend E-Citation school in Tuscaloosa on January 26. He stated that the class is for one day and the only costs will be fuel and meals. He then made a motion to approve the two officers to attend the class as stated above. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Williams reported that Cara Stallman is working on a grant which will provide 6 new E-Citation units for the police department. The application has to be submitted by January 18.

Councilmember Williams reminded Council about the Strategic Planning Meeting being hosted by South Alabama Regional Planning Commission being held on January 14 and 15 at Wind Creek Casino in Atmore, Alabama.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that the city is responsible for the excavation and replacement of dirt for the Shelter as part of in-kind services. He stated that James Elmore has received three quotes for the fill dirt and Taylor Services presented the lowest quote at \$6.50 a yard and that there would be a need for ~~5000 yards~~. Council agreed to go with lowest quote.

AGENDA
NO ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Monk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

/s/William F. Stewart, III
Mayor William F. Stewart III

/s/ Billy Jackson
Councilmember Billy Jackson

/s/ Pam O’Gwynn
Councilmember Pam O’Gwynn

/s/ Pratt Monk
Councilmember Pratt Monk

/s/ Tom Williams
Councilmember Tom Williams

/s/ Bill Black
Councilmember Bill Black

ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk